

# BANTHA TRACKS

NEWSLETTER OF THE OFFICIAL **STAR WARS™ FAN CLUB**

## INTERVIEW:

In a recent press release (see right), Howard Kazanjian was named as the producer of *REVENGE OF THE JEDI*, the third film in the *STAR WARS* saga. An alumnus of the University of Southern California Cinema Department, Kazanjian entered the Director's Guild training program in 1965, and became an assistant director on such films as "Camelot," directed by Joshua Logan; "Finian's Rainbow," with Francis Coppola; "The Wild Bunch," with Sam Peckinpah; "The Arrangement," with Elia Kazan; "The Front Page," with Billy Wilder; "The Hindenburg," with Robert Wise; and "Family Plot," with Alfred Hitchcock. He was associate producer on "Rollercoaster," and then produced "More American Graffiti" for his friend George Lucas. Most recently Kazanjian has served as co-executive producer with Lucas on "Raiders of the Lost Ark."

Following are excerpts from a recent Bantha Tracks interview with Howard Kazanjian.

Q: When you were growing up, did you see a lot of movies?

HK: My parents always went to the movies. At first, I was frightened of movies; but as I grew a little older, I started to enjoy them, and soon, I couldn't stay away from them.

Q: How did you get interested in making films?

HK: That goes back to when I was ten or twelve years old. I wanted a tape recorder very badly, but my parents didn't want to buy me one. So they gave me the old family movie camera. That started it.

*Co-executive producers George Lucas (on left, wearing editing gloves) and Howard Kazanjian on location in Tunisia for RAIDERS OF THE LOST ARK*

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REVENGE OF THE JEDI, the third film in the continuing *STAR WARS* saga, will begin principal photography in the fall of 1981 at the EMI Elstree Studios, London, and on locations in Europe. George Lucas is writing the first draft screenplay and will be executive producer.

Howard Kazanjian, who is currently co-executive producer of the Lucasfilm-Steven Spielberg production of *RAIDERS OF THE LOST ARK*, will produce *JEDI*. He joined Lucasfilm in 1977 as vice president of production and subsequently produced *MORE AMERICAN GRAFFITI* for the company. No director for *JEDI* is yet set.

Gary Kurtz, who produced *STAR WARS* and *THE EMPIRE STRIKES BACK*, will serve as a production consultant on *JEDI* while he prepares two of his own projects.

REVENGE OF THE JEDI pre-production work begins early in 1981 at Elstree.

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This movie camera didn't have single frame shooting, it didn't have any refinements — in fact, it didn't have anything but a lens. So I'd make it shoot single frame. I did stop-motion of clouds moving by, or an apple being eaten up when nobody was touching it — all of the trick shots that kids do in making movies.

As time passed, I bought a new camera and became more and more involved with movies. When I was in junior high school, six or seven of us formed our own movie club. Aside from having monthly screenings of older feature films, we shot our own movies, even documentaries for our school. For example, we shot a film of the new school being built. And when it came to school assignments, I'd try to do my term papers with a camera — like for biology, the dissection of a frog, or for chemistry, the making of hydrogen.

Q: You went to college at U.S.C. and majored in film. Tell us something about that.

HK: I graduated from cinema school at U.S.C. in 1964 at a time when film school was really anti-Hollywood. They were trying to teach us avant-garde, surrealistic, experimental filmmaking. We were not being taught how to make Hollywood-type films, and that's what I wanted to learn first. I wanted to make a film with a beginning, middle and end, with a theme and a story that could be understood. I had difficulty with many of the instructors for this reason and to survive the Cinema Department, and to maintain a B average, I had to get A's in psychology, astronomy and some other classes I wasn't much interested in at all.

Q: So you didn't go to graduate school in film?

HK: No, I went to graduate school in business. I lived in the Cinema Department, was in the honor fraternities, but I was heading for a Master's degree in business.

And I began to ring doorbells to get a job in film. And, by ringing those doorbells, I got into the Director's Guild training program. And I never finished my Master's.

Q: Did your parents encourage you to go into film?

HK: When I was a child and first had the camera, my parents certainly didn't know what they had started. And I don't quite think I had anything in mind other than just making those pictures. I did know I wanted to be behind the camera, I wanted to be the storyteller, the director, and not the actor.

Later, when my parents saw what I was doing in junior high school, high school, and at U.S.C., no, they were not encouraging.

Q: They would have preferred that you had a more conventional business career?

HK: Yes. Or follow in my father's footsteps. He's a cutter and importer of fine gems, and he would've liked me to carry on what he established.

INTERVIEW CONTINUED

Albert Clarke

# Howard Kazanjian

# Questions & Answers

## Where can I find out about Science Fiction conventions in my local area?

There are several good sources that publish convention listings on a regular basis or intermittently. Such as: STARLOG MAGAZINE; ISAAC ASIMOV'S SCIENCE FICTION MAGAZINE; SCIENCE FICTION CHRONICLES, P.O. Box 4175, New York, NY 10163; LOCUS, c/o Locus Publications, P.O. Box 3938, San Francisco, CA 94119; FILE 770, c/o Mike Glyer, 14974 Osceola St., Sylmar, CA 91342; BEN'S HAMMER, c/o J.P. Van Gordon, 3620 W. 144th St., Hawthorne, CA 90250. To ensure a reply be sure to include a self-addressed stamped envelope with your inquiries. Foreign inquiries require an international response coupon.

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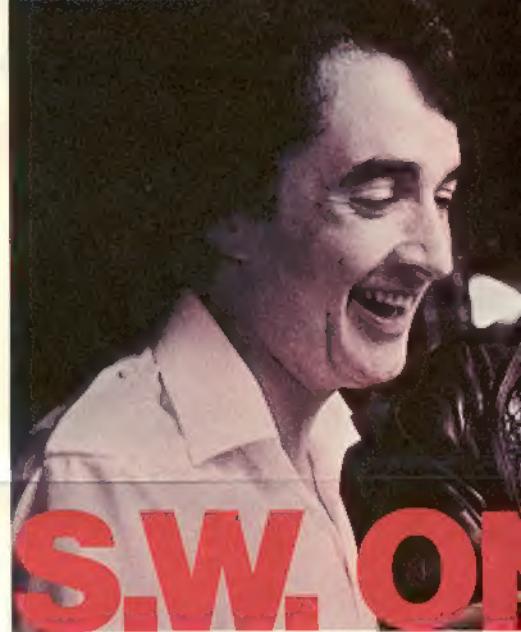
Immediately after your fourth *Bantha Tracks* newsletter is mailed, the Fan Club will send a renewal notice describing the procedure. The \$4.00 renewal fee entitles you to a year of *Bantha Tracks*, the full-color decals of Yoda and the Bounty Hunters (4" x 5") pictured below, opportunities to participate in club-sponsored contests with terrific prizes, and offers to purchase *STAR WARS* collector's items. In 1983, in conjunction with the release of *REVENGE OF THE JEDI*, an all-new kit will be offered.

## What new products will be coming out from Kenner Toys in the early part of 1981? What new models will be coming out from MCP/Fundimensions in 1981?

Between January and April, Kenner will be introducing many new *EMPIRE* items, including: nine new mini-action figures; a 24-piece collector's case; a turret-and-probot playset; the Dagobah playset; the new mini-rigs; an electronic laser rifle; three versions of Yoda—a puppet, a large talking action figure with eight sayings from the film, and Yoda the Jedi Master, a toy that answers questions—Boba Fett's ship, *Slave I*; a Yoda board game; and a large AT-AT Walker with side openings, movable legs, pulsating light, laser guns and a remote lever to move the head.

New from MCP/Fundimensions for 1981 are: miniature dioramas of Yoda's swamp house and the Battle of Hoth; models include a snowspeeder, the Imperial Star Destroyer and *Millennium Falcon*. Also to be introduced is an 8" tall Imperial Walker, molded in color with movable parts.

Anthony Daniels and Mark Hamill during the recording of the *STAR WARS* radio show



## S.W. ON

**STAR WARS is coming to radio!** In March, National Public Radio will broadcast thirteen episodes of *STAR WARS*, Part IV, now titled "A New Hope," starring Mark Hamill and Anthony Daniels. The story has been greatly expanded and will include such new material as Princess Leia on Alderaan, where we meet her father and learn more about the Princess' home planet; Luke's friends on Tatooine, including his best friend Biggs; the first time Artoo and Threepio meet; Han and Chewie's encounters with Tatooine's underworld; and other new characters and events.

How can such a visual story as *STAR WARS* be translated into a purely auditory medium? "Most people who ask that," says Executive producer Richard Toscan of station KUSC-FM in Los Angeles, "overlook the fact that the incredible visual effects created for *STAR WARS* were accompanied by an equally innovative sound score. We are capitalizing on the impressive work Ben Burtt did on the sound—in its own way, it was as revolutionary as the visual effects." Tom Voegeli, engineer for the programs, has developed some totally new sound effects to accompany those created for the film by Burtt. In the radio

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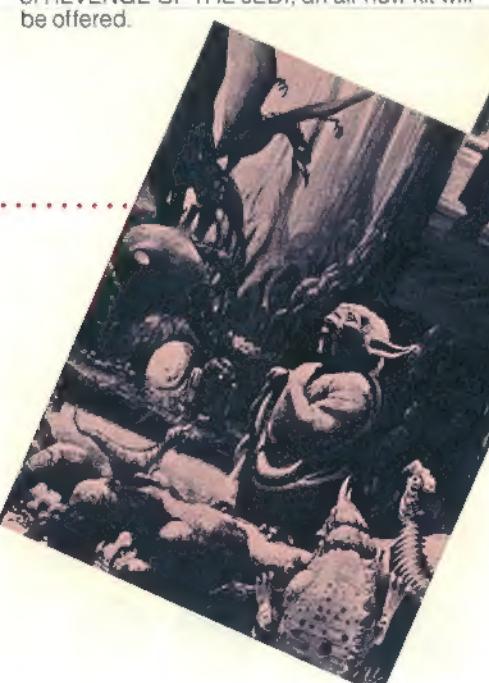
I think that's mainly why I went to business school. I felt I owed my parents that.

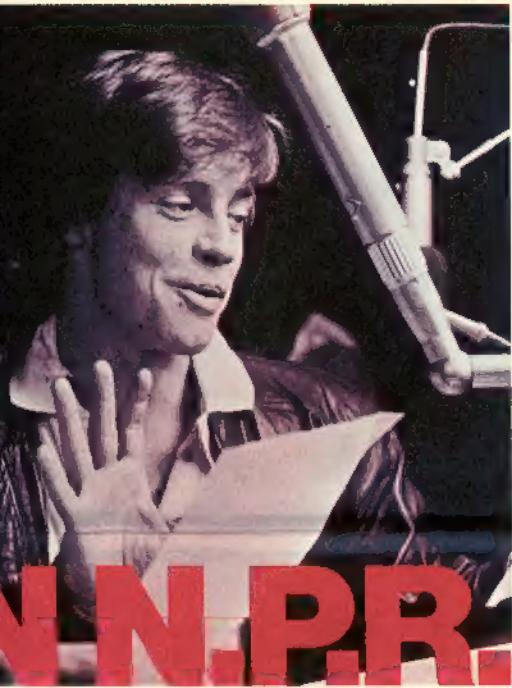
**Q:** How did you finally make up your mind to pursue a film career?

**HK:** Well, I loved it so much—I found this to be the hardest decision I've ever made. When I was accepted into the Director's Guild training program I decided that I would give myself a couple of weeks to see if I wanted this. And I love it.

I really, really love what I'm doing. I don't love the problems and irritations. But I try to look at them as a challenge, even as an opportunity. We have problems all day long; my desk is piled high with them.

Full-color Fan club renewal decals illustrated by Ralph McQuarrie.





Steve Smith

## N.N.P.R.

series, Luke races his skyhopper — never flown in the movie — through Beggar's Canyon on Tatooine; Voegeli has invented the new sound for the skyhopper. State-of-the-art stereo techniques will combine with the listener's imagination to produce an effect every bit as realistic as that of the film.

Series Executive Producers Richard Toscan of KUSC-FM and Carol Titelman of Lucasfilm, Ltd., adapted the story with Brian Daley. *STAR WARS* was directed for radio by John Madden, winner of the Prix Italia, the international award for radio drama. The cast, headed by Mark Hamill and Tony Daniels, includes Brock Peters as Darth Vader, Perry King as Han Solo, Ann Sachs as Princess Leia, Bernard Behrens as Ben Kenobi and Keene Curtis as Grand Moff Tarkin.

The half-hour programs will be broadcast by public radio stations around the country. If you do not know which station to listen to in your area, send a self-addressed stamped envelope to "Star Wars," National Public Radio, 2025 M Street NW, Washington, DC 20036. And after you hear the series, please let the Fan Club know what you think of it. ●

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I do get tired of paper work after a while. I love getting out there on the set. I love the making of the film, the creative part of it, from the pre-production through editing and release. I don't want to be a producer who pushes paper. I want to be a producer or director who makes film.

We asked Howard a few questions about *REVENGE OF THE JEDI*, but could get him to tell us only that the movie will be released in May of 1983, and that Mark Hamill, Harrison Ford, Carrie Fisher and Billy Dee Williams will be back. For more information, keep reading *BANTHA TRACKS*, and we'll keep pestering for information. ● A.H.

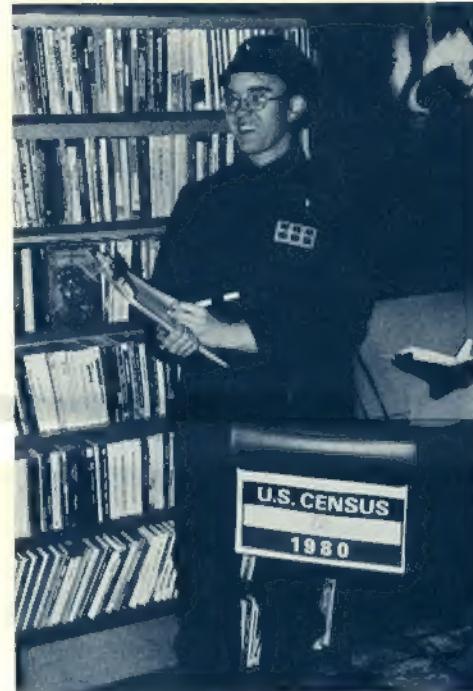
# PROFILE

Fan Club member Sylvia Stevens, 25, of Reseda, California, has become the Emperor's own census taker. At Science Fiction conventions, Sylvia sets up a few large sheets of cardboard and this "census office" tries to answer such questions as "How many died in the destruction of Alderaan?" and "Who has killed more Imperial Star Fleet personnel, Darth Vader or the entire Rebel Alliance?" After all, Sylvia points out, without a census taker, how can an Imperial Star Fleet Junior Officer tell how many senior officers stand between him and the temporary honor of Captain or even the Admiralty?

Sylvia has divulged to *BANTHA TRACKS* some of the answers to her poll on the most burning question left by *THE EMPIRE STRIKES BACK*: "Is Darth Vader really Luke's father?" Here is a sample from her polls:

Why not?  
It's simply impossible!  
Would Vader lie? Yes!  
Yes. And he is also "The Other."  
If he wasn't, why did Vader argue with the Emperor about Luke? He tried to spare Luke, even during the fight.  
Vader is a clone of Luke's father.  
Why would Obi-wan lie?  
Darth is trying to put one over on Luke.  
Due to a time shift, Luke is really Vader's father.  
I wouldn't believe anything Vader said.  
The child is the father of the man, one wonders how it all began.  
No. Remember Vader almost blasted Luke out of space in *STAR WARS* — A NEW HOPE.  
You expect truth from Vader?  
Vader's greed and ambition motivate him.  
He has no qualms about lying and confusing Luke.  
Darth Vader is confused.  
No. His real father is arrghh... plop.  
Vader is Han's father, not Luke's.  
I do know, but I'm not telling.  
Luke felt it to be true.  
If you can't trust Darth Vader, who can you trust?  
Can't you see the resemblance?  
Darth is Luke's uncle.

## SYLVIA STEVENS: IMPERIAL CENSUS TAKER



Maureen Garrett

Sylvia Stevens prepares to take the census

Would you buy a used Landspeeder from Vader?  
"Luke Vader"? Nah, it doesn't have that ring.  
Who cares. Just as long as *JEDI* is as great as the first two films!

Sylvia says she posted this opinion poll because "I know how I felt about *TESB*; I wanted to know how others felt. As you can see, I received some funny answers and some thought-provoking ones as well."

The question Sylvia asked on her poll is the one most-frequently sent in for the Q&A column, too. But only George Lucas knows the answer, and he's not telling. So in 1983, when *REVENGE OF THE JEDI* is released, where will we be? Joining Sylvia Stevens — "in a theatre line, of course!" ● M.G.

# Lucasfilm Updates..

**RAIDERS OF THE LOST ARK** is the story of a desperate race between two great super powers to locate the lost Ark of the Covenant, believed to contain the original tablets on which the Ten Commandments were inscribed. The movie is an action adventure that takes place in exotic locations around the world.

The Lucasfilm, Ltd., production, directed by Steven Spielberg, was produced by Frank Marshall. Executive Producers were George Lucas and Howard Kazanjian. Harrison Ford and Karen Allen star. The Paramount release will open across the country and in Canada in June.



Harrison Ford plays Indiana Jones, an archeologist with a passion for adventure

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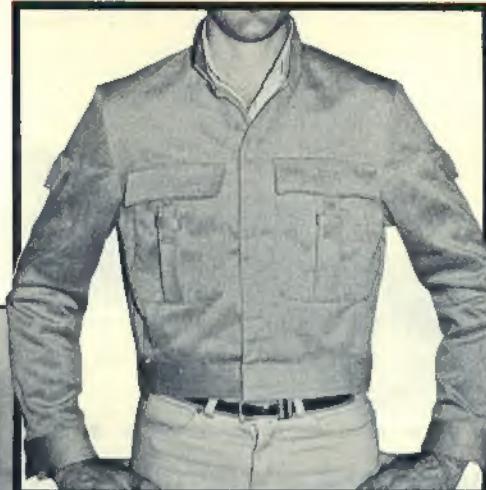
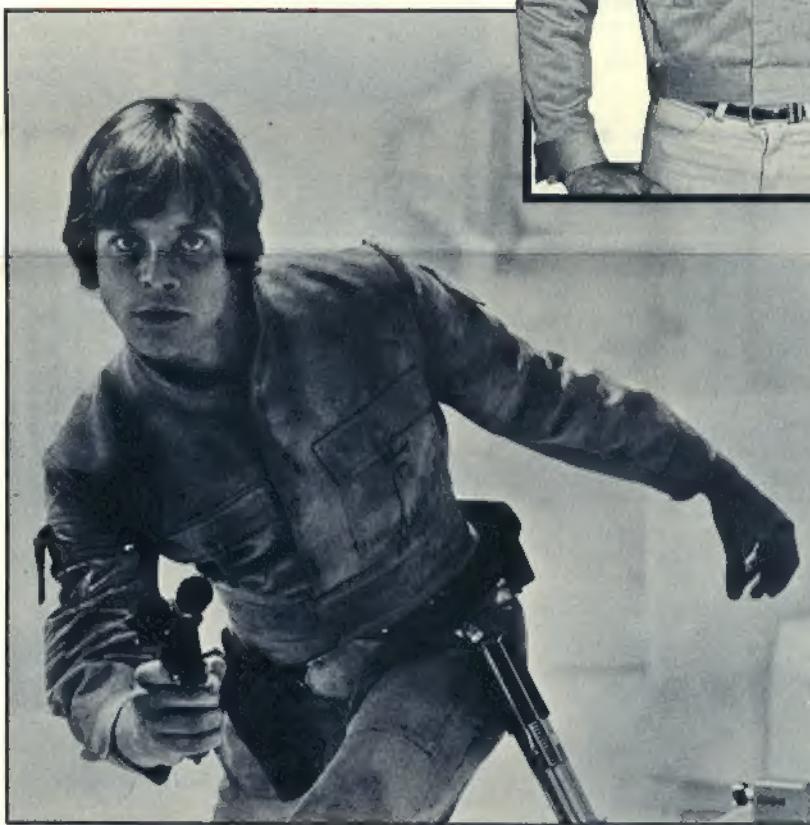
Now you can look like a Star Warrior of the Rebel forces in your very own Rebel Fatigue jacket. A high-quality version of Luke's jacket has been produced in limited quantities for Fan Club members. It's virtually an exact replica, based upon the original design of STAR WARS Academy Award-winning costume designer John Mollo.

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ALL fans — male, female, young and old, will enjoy this product. While the jacket is an authentic duplicate of an EMPIRE costume, it is also ideally suited for everyday, practical use. Perfect to wear: at school, at play, at parties, at science-fiction conventions — almost every occasion. The futuristic styling makes this "the jacket of the '80s."

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These color portraits are printed on high quality glossy paper — perfectly suited for framing! Stars featured in the poster album include:

Mark Hamill as Luke Skywalker

Harrison Ford as Han Solo

Carrie Fisher as Princess Leia

Billy Dee Williams as Lando Calrissian

Anthony Daniels as C-3PO

David Prowse as Darth Vader

Peter Mayhew as Chewbacca

Kenny Baker as R2-D2

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Producer Gary Kurtz on location in Finse, Norway for the ice planet Hoth scenes.

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#5 Interview with THE EMPIRE STRIKES BACK Director Irvin Kershner. Fan Club Cartoon Contest winners, STAR WARS comic strip news, and introduction of Boba Fett.

#6 Interview with Harrison Ford, Japanese influences in STAR WARS, questions and answers.

#7 Interview with Anthony Daniels, introduction of Lando Calrissian, questions and answers.

#8 Interview with George Lucas, preview page of EMPIRE photographs, transcriptions of actors' phone messages.

#9 EMPIRE preview in Washington, D.C., Hollywood opening of EMPIRE, animating the Tauntaun, fan club member John Rios profile.

#10 EMPIRE international report, STAR WARS costuming, profile of member costumers, "Thank You" Mark Hamill.

#11 Announcement of REVENGE OF THE JEDI, STAR WARS Radio Show, Interview with JEDI Producer Howard Kazanjian, Profile, Sylvia Stevens: Is Darth Vader really Luke's father?

# Updates



## STAR WARS A NEW HOPE

**STAR WARS is back!** For those who haven't seen it and for those who haven't seen it enough, STAR WARS will be rereleased in mid-April. The film will be shown at 1,500 movie theatres, domestically and in Canada, for a two-week engagement. Look in your local newspaper for announcements of where STAR WARS will be playing near you.

**Ballantine Books is publishing** the novelization of RAIDERS OF THE LOST ARK by Campbell Black in paperback (on sale in April) as well as THE MAKING OF RAIDERS OF THE LOST ARK, by Derek Taylor (on sale September). Other publications scheduled for release in conjunction with RAIDERS include the collector's edition magazine, the RAIDERS OF THE LOST ARK STORYBOOK, and a series of Marvel comic books.



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